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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH GLAFKOS CLERIDES

SUMMARY: DURING CALL BY AMB. JULY 12, GLAFKOS CLERIDES SAID LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS IN INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS UNTIL CURRENT CRISIS IN RELATIONS BETWEEN NICOSIA AND ATHENS ABATED, THAT HE HAD RECOMMENDED TO MEEING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS JULY 11 SIGNALING ATHENS AS TO WHAT CONCESSIONS WOULD BRING CONCESSIONS FROM CYPRUS, BUT ARCHBISHOP HAD DEFERRED DECISION. CLERIDES FEARED CONTINUATION PRESENT IMPASSE COULD BRING BREAK IN RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. DURING MY CALL ON JULY 12 ON GLAFKOS CLERIDES, PRES. OF CYPRUS HOUSE OF REPS AND PRINCIPAL GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, HE EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER SITUATION ON ISLAND AND SAID THAT THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE OF PROGRESS IN TALKS PENDING RESOLUTION OF CRISIS BETWEEN NICOSIA AND ATHENS. TURKS WOULD CERTAINLY TAKE WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE SINCE THEIR POSITION WOULD BE AFFECTED BY STRENGTHENING OR WEAKENING OF THE MAKARIOS GOVT

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OR BY THE RUPTURE IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GREECE AND CYPRUS.

WHEN I EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT LATTER POINT, CLERIDES SAID SUCH DEVELOPMENT COULD NOT BE RULED OUT IF ONE SIDE OR THE OTHER DID NOT MAKE A MOVE TOWARD CONCESSION.

2. CLERIDES SAID THAT IN COURSE OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MEETING JULY 11 HE HAD RECOMMENDED SIGNALING TO ATHENS WHAT GOGREECE CONCESSIONS WOULD BRING CONCESSIONS ON CYPRUS PART. HE SUGGESTED THAT AS A MINIMUM TERMINATION OF GOGREECE SUPPORT FOR EOKA-B AND AGREEMENT TO RESCIND PROMOTION OF 57 CADETS NOT APPROVED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHOULD BRING AGREEMENT FOR SENDING OR RECEIVING DELEGATION TO WORK OUT SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF NATIONAL GUARD PROBLEM. HE NOTED ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER TO GEN. GHIZIKIS HAD NOT SET TIME LIMIT FOR REDUCTION OF GREEK OFFICERS AND THIS PROVIDED BASIS FOR WORKING OUT SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENT FOR STATUS OF GREEK OFFICERS IN CYPRUS FORCES. ARCHBISHOP DID NOT ACCEPT OR REJECT PROPOSAL BUT SAID HE PREFERRED TO DEFER DECISION PENDING INITIAL RESPONSE BY ATHENS TO DEMANDS MADE IN HIS LETTER.

3. IN INTERIM, CLERIDES SAID INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS WOULD RECESS AFTER NEXT WEEK'S MEETING UNTIL AUG. 20. THEREAFTER CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS WOULD PUT TOGETHER A GENERAL OUTLINE OF POSSIBLE AGREEMENT OR CONVENTION WITHIN WHICH JOINT COMMITTEES OF GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS COULD WORK OUT DETAILS. DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION OUTLINE IS NOVEMBER SO THAT RESULTS CAN BE CITED IN NEXT UN MEETING ON UNFICYP.

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